



## Holy Family RC Primary School Newsletter

*"Working together as a family, following in the footsteps of Jesus, always giving our best."*

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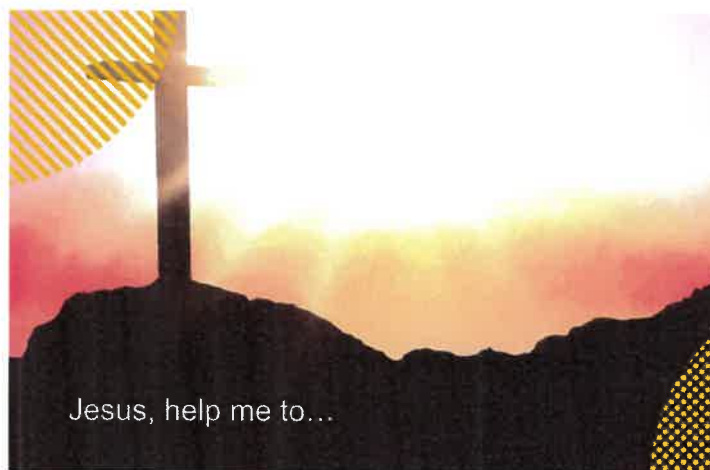
## Reminder that Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> is an Inset Day.

This has been a very busy half term! The children in Years 2-6 have completed both Maths tests and will undertake their reading tests the first week back after half term. Reminder that **Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>** is an Inset Day.

School re-opens on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**- we look forward to seeing the children well rested after their half term break. At last, it looks as though we are going to have some good weather!



### Catholic Life of the School



In assembly this week we thought about how when we pray, we need to be focussed on God's way, following the example of Jesus in all that we do.

## Sports Day change of date

Sports Day will now take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

## Inset days 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Diary Dates for 2026, these will be updated regularly

### May

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May school closes for Half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May half term begins

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May half term ends

### June

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Inset Day School closed for children

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June children return to school after half term

Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> National tests for Years 2-6 finish

Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> Class 1 Assembly 3pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June Mary Immaculate Y6 transition day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day am

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Cantonian Y6 transition day 1

Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> children make their First Holy Communion 9.30am at Holy Family Church

Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> Corpus Christi High School Y6 transition day 1

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June Y6 Leavers' Mass St. David's Cathedral

Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi High School Y6 transition day 2

### July

Thursday July 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 2 assembly 3pm

Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Llandaff Y6 transition day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Class 5 and 6 Play

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July Cantonian Y6 transition day 2

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Mass 9.30am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Party 5pm-7pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July Retirement Mass for Mrs Mills 2pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July school closes for the summer holidays

## Term Dates 2026/27

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Tuesday 1/9/2026	Monday 26/10/2026	Friday 30/10/2026	Friday 18/12/2026
Spring Term	Monday 4/1/27	Monday 8/2/27	Friday 12/2/27	Friday 19/3/27
Summer Term * May Day Bank Holiday 3/5/27	Monday 5/4/27	Monday 31/5/27	Friday 4/6/27	Tuesday 20/7/27

### Term Dates 2027/28

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Wednesday 1/9/2027	Monday 25/10/2027	Friday 29/10/2027	Friday 17/12/2027
Spring Term	Tuesday 4/1/2028	Monday 21/2/2028	Friday 25/2/2028	Friday 7/4/2028
Summer Term <small>* May Day Bank Holiday 1/5/28</small>	Monday 24/4/2028	Monday 29/5/2028	Friday 2/6/2028	Thursday 20/7/2028



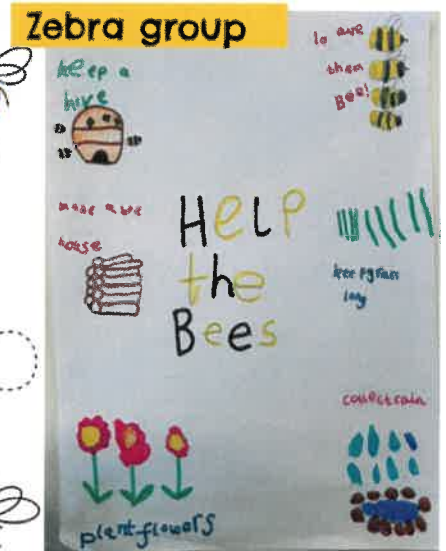
# Class One



On Wednesday we celebrated World Bee Day. Mrs Stanford-Stroud told us all about her bees and how she looks after them. We thought about how we could to protect bees and made posters to share our ideas.



We tried on the bee keeping outfit and made our own bees in the creative area.



We loved making delicious bee cakes with Mrs Chivers.



In our maths work we used the bees and hives to help us with our taking away.



## Class 2



We have been learning about the Feast of Pentecost. We shared the story from the Bible and heard how the Holy Spirit came to the disciples like a strong wind. We reflected on what it is like to be in strong winds and storm conditions. The weather over the past week has even provided these conditions for us all to experience during school time!! We all created fantastic drawings of what a storm would look like.



After this we thought about how the disciples were transformed during the experience of receiving the Holy Spirit. In our groups we sorted how their feelings changed from before the coming of the Holy Spirit to after when they went out into Jerusalem to be witnesses of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.





# Class Three



This week in Class 3 we have been learning all about bees.



Mrs Stanford-Stroud talked to us about the role of a beekeeper. Some of us got to try on a beekeeper outfit also!



We explored the life cycle of a bee.



We planted flowers in our outdoor area to attract bees.



**Life Cycle of Bees**

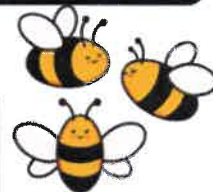
<p><b>Egg</b></p> <p>The queen bee lays an egg in a row of the honeycomb in the hive.</p>	<p><b>Adult Bee</b></p> <p>An adult bee can live up to 6 weeks in the summer.</p>
<p><b>Larva</b></p> <p>After several days the egg hatches into a white worm-like creature with 6 legs. The larva feeds on a special mixture called 'bee bread'.</p>	<p><b>Pupa</b></p> <p>The larva spins a cocoon and stays in there for 10 days. The cocoon is made of wax and is very strong.</p>

**What is a life cycle?**  
A life cycle is the way an animal grows and changes.

**What type of animal is a bee?**  
A bee is an insect.



We made our own bees and then in P.E and the classroom we learnt about the important role of bees in pollination.



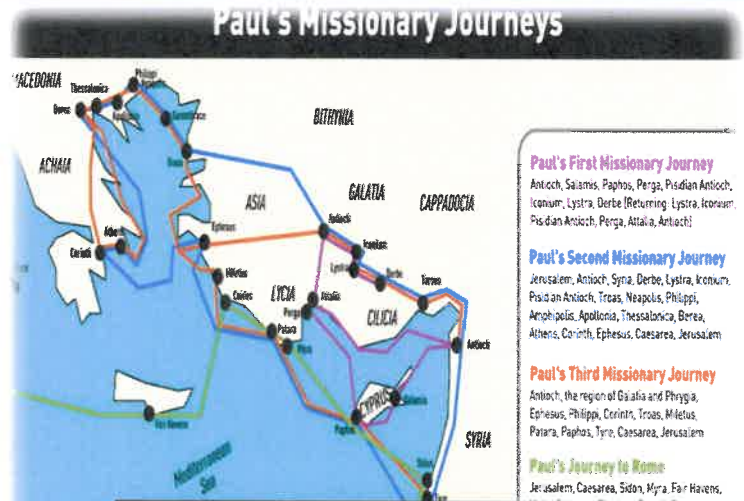
## Class Four.

In Religion this week the children have been finding out about Saul's conversion to Christianity. They know that Paul travelled to many different places on his mission to "Tell the Good News."

It is mainly from Paul's letters that we learn about the early Christians. One of Paul's most famous letters was to the people of Corinth.

Paul wrote to many different churches while on his missionary travels. He wanted everyone to keep believing in Jesus and live a good and holy life.

The children have created Fact - files and investigated the places that Paul visited using maps, globes and atlases.



**Paul's First Missionary Journey**  
Antioch, Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe (Returning: Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, Perga, Attalia, Antioch)

**Paul's Second Missionary Journey**  
Jerusalem, Antioch, Syria, Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, Troas, Neapolis, Philippi, Amphipolis, Apollonia, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Caesarea, Jerusalem

**Paul's Third Missionary Journey**  
Antioch, the region of Galatia and Phrygia, Ephesus, Philippi, Corinth, Troas, Miletus, Patara, Paphos, Tyre, Caesarea, Jerusalem

**Paul's Journey to Rome**  
Jerusalem, Caesarea, Sidon, Myra, Fair Havens,

Because there is one bread,  
we who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:17

Before	After
Saul	Paul
Rich	Ananias healed him
Powerful	He met Jesus on a shining light
Pharisee	Paul became Christian
Jewish	He told people about Jesus
Persuaded Christians	Manna
Had Christian's killed	

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PIC-COLLAGES

<h3>Saul</h3> <p>Saul lived in the time of Jesus and the early church.</p> <p>Saul hated the followers of Jesus and was very mean to them, dragging them out of their houses and putting them in prison.</p> <p>One day, while Saul was traveling to the city of Damascus, a bright light shone from heaven, and he heard the voice of Jesus asking why Saul was fighting against him.</p> <p>Saul was blind for three days, until a man named Ananias prayed for him to see again. Afterward, Saul became a Christian.</p> <p>Saul changed his name to Paul to please the rest of his life traveling the world, telling people about Jesus and writing many books of the Bible.</p>	<h3>Paul</h3> <p>After his capture, his Jewish name was Saul and his Greek name was Paul. Saul had a job making tents and worked with his hands to pay for his trips.</p> <p>Paul traveled tens of thousands of miles across land and sea. He faced all sorts of scary adventures, including a terrible earthquake where he went to an island, and even survived a poisonous snake bite!</p> <p>Paul wrote many encouraging letters to early churches to teach people about God's love. In fact, nearly half of the books in the New Testament are letters written by him, like Romans, Corinthians, and Philippians.</p>
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Ollie and Nathan

PIC-COLLAGES

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 (ESV)  
WITH REMEMBRANCE

25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# CODING GAMES IN CLASS 5

Class 5 have learned how to create simple, controllable 2D “arcade” games with backgrounds and sprites using Microsoft’s Make Code Arcade. We could adjust the difficulty levels, add simple music, lives and scores. Here are some examples:



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on start
  play melody [melody] at tempo 120 (bpm) looping in background
  set background image to [background]
  set mySprite to sprite [player] of kind Player
  move mySprite with buttons
  set mySprite2 to sprite [pizza] of kind Food
  set mySprite stay in screen
  set mySprite2 stay in screen

on sprite of kind Player overlaps otherSprite of kind Food
  change score by 1
  set mySprite2 position to x pick random 0 to screen width y pick random 0 to screen height
  start countdown 5 (s)
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# Class 6



Year 6 have been developing their observational drawing skills using fruit and vegetables from our allotment's topic as inspiration. The children explored how artists use line and tone to create form. They also experimented with vegetable printing using cross-sections of produce to create bold patterns and texture backgrounds.

